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ALMA, MICH., FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1899.

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## MARKET REPORT.

Corrected May 11, 1899

Wheat, white	98
Wheat, red	98
Oats	38
Rye	50
Corn, old ear	16
Corn, shelled	36
Potatoes	35 1/2
Beckham	40
Beans	50 1/2
Apples per bu	60 1/2
Clover seed	4.00 to 4.50
Butter	12 1/2
Eggs	11 1/2
Honey	10
Onions, per bu	40
Freeze Hides	67 1/2
Dressed Pork	3.50 to 4.00
Live Pork	3.25 to 3.50
Dressed Beef	9 1/2
Live Beef	10 1/2
Live Mutton	10 1/2
Mutton, dressed	11
Live Chickens	10 1/2
Dressed Chickens	11
Live Turkeys	10 1/2
Live Ducks	10 1/2
Live Geese	10 1/2
Veal, Live	10 1/2
Veal, dressed	10 1/2

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## ATTENTION!

Sugar Beet  
Growers..On and after Saturday, April 22nd,  
1899, the Alma Sugar Co. will distribute

## Sugar Beet Seed

to its patrons from its Seed House in  
Alma, Mich. Please apply promptly  
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Michigan Agricultural College, that the  
sample of seed we are furnishing our  
patrons tested "thirty points above the  
standard established by the seed divi-  
sion of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture,  
Washington, D. C."

## The Alma Sugar Co.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL  
CONVENTION.

OF THE GRATIOT COUNTY W. C. T. U.

Convened in the M. E. Church Wednes-  
day afternoon.

## AN INTERESTING MEETING.

The 14th annual convention of the W.  
C. T. U. of Gratiot county was held in  
the M. E. church of Alma, on Wednes-  
day and Thursday of this week. The  
opening session was called to order by  
the president, Mrs. Mary F. Waterbury  
of Ithaca, at 2:00 p. m. Wednesday, with  
a moderate attendance.Rev. Carrel conducted devotional ex-  
ercises after which the Presbyterian  
male quartette sang in a pleasing man-  
ner "Ashamed of thee."The greater part of the first session  
was devoted to preliminary work.Following roll call the different com-  
mittees were appointed:Mrs. Pringle was appointed as a com-  
mittee on courtesies.Mrs. Drury of St. Louis, and Mrs.  
Struble of Alma, committee on finance.Mrs. Campbell of Pompei, committee  
on credentials.Mrs. Abell, Martin, Crandal, Clark,  
Barton, Cranston, committee on resolu-  
tions.At this point Miss Caldwell sang a so-  
lo very pleasingly.The treasurer then read her report  
which was accepted.The presidents of the committees of  
different W. C. T. U.'s each read their re-  
ports, all of which showed progress and  
encouragement in their respective  
unions.Mrs. Pringle then gave her welcome  
address which surely made all visiting  
members at ease in regard to their en-  
tertainment. Her words of welcome  
were given in a most pleasing and feel-  
ing manner.To the words of welcome Mrs. Cran-  
dal replied in her pleasing style, accept-  
ing with pleasure the cordial greeting  
extended them to our beautiful college  
town, wishing that the influence of the  
W. C. T. U. would spread as the fame of  
the Alma Bromo.Mrs. E. A. Arnold of St. Louis then  
spoke on the "Church and the saloon" in  
a straight-forward, business like way.  
She said "We must go at our work with  
the same energy as with other undertak-  
ings, if we are to accomplish desirable  
results, obeying God's command 'Go  
forth and preach the gospel into every  
nation and to every people.'" After her  
remarks the meeting was open for dis-  
cussion. Many very instructive and  
pleasing remarks were given.A representative from Ashley pleased  
the ladies by stating "There is no saloon  
at Ashley, due to a great extent to the  
influence of the W. C. T. U. of that  
place."After a piece of music, Mrs. Bruske  
conducted the memorial services. Remin-  
ding the convention of the excellent  
work of those who had devoted their  
lives to the cause, she said, it was not  
always the most talented people who ac-  
complished greater results, but those of  
moderate ability who worked with a  
will and always kept on regardless of  
previous failures. She spoke very feel-  
ingly of the work of two of the most  
faithful workers—Mrs. Burt of N. Y.  
and Mrs. Hamlin of Mich.—who have  
died in the past year. Her advice was  
that we be faithful, putting forth "indi-  
vidual effort and only complying with  
organizations when of great value to the  
cause."During the intermission in Mrs.  
Bruske's remarks, Mr. Beckner and  
Misses Whiting and Wilson sang, to the  
delight of the audience.The afternoon meeting was then con-  
cluded.The Wednesday evening session was  
attended, regardless of the inclemency  
of the weather and other occurrences of  
the evening.Dr. Bruske opened the exercises with  
devotional services.Mr. Beckner sang in his pleasing way  
being followed by Rev. Carrel in his  
greetings for the churches. Our church-  
es are working and willing to co-operate  
at all times with the W. C. T. U. for its  
membership is composed mostly of its  
members. He spoke highly of the ef-  
forts and heroism of its members and es-  
pecially of those of Mrs. Willard.The Presbyterian choir next sang a  
selection.Mrs. E. S. Pettyjohn read in her  
usual pleasing way the fraternal greet-  
ings for the Missionary Societies, stat-  
ing "We know no society to which Mis-  
sionary Societies can give a more cordial  
welcome than to the W. C. T. U. The  
hardships endured and the sacrifice of  
Christian womanhood in both are very  
similar."After these remarks, Mr. Stevenson  
sang a solo.Mrs. Atell presented a most interest-  
ing and original paper on the subject  
"Why should a church member belong  
to the W. C. T. U.?" She said in part it  
required co-operation on the part of both  
to accomplish the work as designed.Rev. Frances E. Townsley, pastor of  
the Baptist church of Vassar, then gave  
the address of the evening, her subject  
being "Where now and what next." She  
handled her subject with great zeal and  
tact. She surely is proficient in dealing  
on the temperance question and is by no  
means an amateur in the pulpit. Her  
remarks were very helpful, being inter-  
persed with numerous witty anecdotes.Her remarks were filled with good ad-  
vice. She pointed out the various ways  
of the W. C. T. U. advancement compar-  
ing the progress of its workings and re-  
sults from time to time in the last 100  
years.The W. C. T. U. is the advance guard  
of the church.We are patriots because we are Amer-  
icans.May her influence and excellent work  
continue was the wish of the entire  
audience.The meeting was then adjourned un-  
til Thursday morning.The Thursday morning meeting open-  
ed with a fair sized attendance.Rev. Frances E. Townsley conducted  
the praise service in her able and inter-  
esting way, after which the secretary  
read the minutes of previous session,  
which was approved.The greater portion of this session  
was again taken up by the presentation  
of Vice Presidents' and Superintend-  
ents' reports, all of which were received  
with keen interest. Each report showed  
marked progress in the work over pre-  
vious ones.Miss Patterson at this junction sang  
"I'm Nearer My Home" in her most  
touching manner."Scientific Temperance Instruction"  
was then presented in a most entertain-  
ing manner by Mrs. E. A. Arnold of St.  
Louis. Her remarks were presented in  
a very able and thorough line of thought.  
The appreciation of her ability in coping  
with the subject was manifested by the  
convention in re-electing her as superin-  
tendent of this work.Mrs. Annie S. Price of Pompei was  
unable to be in attendance to present  
her paper on L. T. L. work, however  
her paper was read by the Secretary.Mrs. F. M. Hetzman of Beebe pre-  
sented her Evangelist topic at length, which  
showed that a great deal of work in the  
preparation had been required."Jail Work" and "Alms-house Work"  
to be given by Mrs. A. W. Russell and  
Mrs. M. F. Waterbury were om-  
itted, due to lack of time. Temper-  
ance in the S. S. by Mrs. A. C. Kirk al-  
so was omitted.Temperance instruction in the S. S.  
was then given by Mrs. L. P. Struble of  
Alma. This paper too showed able and  
thorough preparation. She pointed  
out in her remarks that the time to be-  
gin our work was when the children  
were young and hold them to the good  
principles unparted, keeping them inter-  
ested in the church and temperance  
work and the Young People's societies  
and by so doing accomplish the desired  
end.At this time invitations were read, re-  
questing the ladies to visit the college  
museum and the Alma Sanitarium.  
These were received with pleasure and  
accepted.Again the audience was delighted  
with a solo by Miss Ariadne McLaren.  
The music throughout the meeting  
helped very materially to make the gath-  
ering a grand success. The ladies ex-  
pressed hearty thanks to all who furnished  
the same so freely.Officers were next elected and the fol-  
lowing were the ones chosen:Mrs. Mary F. Waterbury, President,  
Ithaca. Mrs. Martha H. Crandal,  
Secretary, Ithaca. Mrs. D. C. Drury,  
Treasurer, St. Louis. Mrs. Crandal,  
Vice-President, St. Louis. Mrs. Annie  
S. Price, Superintendent L. T. L. Work,  
Mrs. E. Arnold, Superintendent Scien-  
tific Temperance Instruction, Mrs. L.  
P. Struble, Superintendent Temperance  
Instruction in S. S.The morning session was closed by  
prayer by Mrs. Drury.[The Thursday afternoon session will  
be continued in next week's issue.]

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